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SUBJ: IRANIAN NEWSMAH INTERVIEWS PRESIDENT DAQUD

1. KABUL RADIO APRIL 22 AND VERNACULAR PRESS APRIL 23.
CARRIED TEXT OF APRIL 16 INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT DAQUD BY IRANIAN
RADIO/TELEVISION CORRESPONDENT (NAME NOT GIVEN). FIRST PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DAQUD WOULD VISIT IRAN (WITHIN WEEK BEGINNING
APRIL 26) PRECEDED PUBLICATION OF INTERVIEW BY ONE DAY.

2. INTERVIEW WAS SHORT AND ONLY SKETCHILY COVERED STANDARD
EXPLANATIONS OF GOA FOREIGN AND INTERNAL POLICIES AND GOALS.
HOWEVER WHILE DAQUD MADE EXPECTED STATEMENTS ABOUT STRENGTH AND
FRIENDLINESS OF AFGHAN/IRANIAN RELATIONS, OVERALL TONE OF INTER-

VIEW APPEARS TO US AS TESTY. AT ONE POINT DAQUD GRATUITOUSLY
SINGLED OUT FARSI PHRASE EMPLOYED BY INTERVIEWER AS NOT USED
IN OUR DARI LANGUAGE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING
TEHRAN'S ROLE AS MEDIATOR IN PAK/AFGHAN DISPUTE, DAQUD SAID THAT
UNFORTUNATELY THE SHAHANSHAH'S ATTEMPTS TO MEDIATE DURING LAST
15-16 YEARS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT GOA
APPRECIATES IRANIAN GOOD OFFICES AND WOULD WELCOME SOLUTION TO
PAK/AFGHAN DIFFERENCES.

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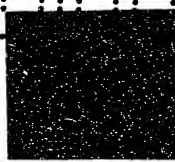
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3. COMMENT. IRANIAN HANDS HERE RECALL THAT THE SHAH'S SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION IN MAY 1963 WAS WIDELY ACCLAIMED AS A PERSONAL TRIUMPH. IN THAT DAOUD'S RESIGNATION FROM PREMIERSHIP IN MARCH 1963 WAS NECESSARY STEP BEFORE MEDIATION OF DISPUTE COULD SUCCEED, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT DAOUD UNWILLING TO TERM THAT EFFORT SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, COMMENT ABOUT SHAH'S EFFORTS AND GENERAL TONE OF INTERVIEW SEEM CURIOUS WAY TO HERALD HIS VISIT TO IRAN.
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